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Sad Ending of a Christmas Pleasure Trip.

A Boy Kills His Mother and Sister With a Club.

How Harrison Spent Christmas—Hunting the Negro Kitties—Fire at Cincinnati.

A Christmas Hunt.

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A Sad Christmas Sacrifice.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 25.—One of the saddest accidents of the year occurred this afternoon about 5 o'clock, in which six persons lost their lives. A party of seven, consisting of Andrew Ziegler, his sister, Kate Ziegler, George Stimpert and wife, Matt Cox, Mary Morales and a woman whose name could not be learned, left early in the afternoon for the beach house near the Six-mile house, which is situated on the San Bruno road about six miles from this city, for the purpose of taking a rail on the bay. The party embarked in a sailboat which was considered perfectly safe on account of the small amount of canvas it carried. All went well for some time until the wind began to freshen, when some of the occupants of the boat became frightened and wanted to return home. Finally it was agreed to start for home and the boatman started to jibe his sail, when a sudden gust of wind came up and upset the boat, throwing the occupants into the water. All scrambled to reach the capsize boat, but none of them succeeded except the boatman, and the whole party were drowned. The boatman drifted about for some time, but by his cries attracted the attention of some men on a schooner who rescued him. The party was made up by Matt Cox on Christmas eve at the house of Mr. Ziegler, where a number of friends were assembled at a Christmas tree party. All of the informants reside in this city except Miss Morales, whose home is in Pasadena. Up to a late hour none of the bodies had been recovered.

Marblehead's Misery.

MARBLEHEAD, Mass., December 26.—The most reliable estimates of the total loss by today's fire are \$300,000. A thousand or more of men are thrown out of employment and many families are rendered temporarily homeless. Thirty-seven structures are destroyed. There were dwelling houses, twelve factories and twelve miscellaneous. So quickly did the flames spread that the whole blocks were ruined in fifteen minutes. It is now estimated that there were between eight and nine acres burned over. None of the manufacturers think it possible to rebuild this winter, and there is a general feeling of depression in town.

Mysterious Fire.

PHILADELPHIA, December 26.—Some boys playing in Fairmount park today, found two bundles in one of the sections of the new water main which was stored there. The bundles contained the horribly mutilated remains of a man, evidently a German about 35 years of age. The legs had been cut off close to the trunk by a sharp knife, and the hands had been sawed through. The arms had been tied in front of the wrists with a stout cord, the back of the head was crushed in a terrible manner. There were three knife wounds on the side of the face. There were pieces of newspaper covered with blood found, on the margin of which was written in English writing, "Koller Hilt, Hoboken hotel."

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A Son's Horrible Deed.

MEXICO, Ind., Dec. 25.—On Sunday evening a 10-year-old son of Mrs. Johnson, a widow, living on a farm five miles west of here, returned home and found his mother and a 12-year-old sister dead, their heads having been beaten in with a club. The eldest son, aged 16, is not to be found, and he is suspected of the crime, he having quarreled with his mother.

Another Attack Upon Whites by Negroes.

MEXICO, Ind., December 26.—A private telegram was received to-night saying a negro riot was in progress at Lamar, Mississippi, and asking that some Winchester rifles be sent on the first train. It is rumored that two whites and five negroes have been killed. No particulars are obtainable as yet.

Jumped the Track.

MEXICO, Ind., December 26.—A passenger train on the Montana Central jumped the track at the outskirts of this city this morning owing to an open switch, killing the fireman, Jack Moore. Deputy Sheriff Lathrop was badly burned by a stove falling on him. All the others escaped unharmed.

The Negro Riots.

ST. LOUIS, December 25.—The latest Wahalla advises state that three negroes have been captured. From a prisoner just taken it is learned that George Murrey, Cash Murrey and George Coleman were wounded in the fight on December 10th.

WESTERN NEWS.

The Southern Pacific Begins to Pay Its Taxes.

Enthusiastic Receptions Given to Our Exhibit on Wheels.

Destitute Laborers—The Rainfall in California—Dimmick Begins His Defense—No More Recount.

There Will be no General Recount.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 26.—The conference committee of the Republican and Democratic county committees met again today to discuss the matter of bringing the frauds perpetrated at the last election to the attention of the grand jury. The proposition of a general recount was discussed, but was finally dropped, it being stated by Chairman Sweeney of the Republican county committee, that the time for commencing a recount would expire on the 3d, and the Republican party of San Francisco, he thought, would be satisfied with the accomplishment of the recounts already commenced, as this would probably fix the blame where the frauds lie. A resolution, requesting the boardman of the grand jury to subpoena the register of voters to produce all the ballots cast in the second precinct of the Thirty-third assembly district, as a basis of the evidence of the frauds committed at the election, and as a basis for further investigation, was adopted and the committee adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

A Terrible Accident.

DEVER, December 26.—A fatal accident occurred on Fifteenth street to-day which resulted in the instant death of four men and the mortal wounding of two others. The Denver Gas company had 100 men excavating a ditch underneath the track of the cable-car line, when suddenly the track for the entire block fell, crushing the life out of and impressing the men underneath. Men were immediately set to work removing the fallen track, and four dead and two badly wounded have been removed. The other men escaped with bruises. It is not known whether any more are underneath the track or not. All the dead men have been identified for the purpose of removing the gas pipe from under the track. The accident is believed to be due to carelessness on the part of the gas company in neglecting to place proper supports under the track when the men were at work.

Rainfall in California.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 26.—That the rainfall in California has been unusually heavy this year is made apparent by a comparison of figures indicating the fall of this season with those showing the fall of last season. At San Francisco 10.70 inches has fallen as against 2.68 last year; Calistoga, 14 inches, as against 6.50; Sacramento, 8.26, as against 1.81; Modesto, 4.24, as against 0.96; Merced, 4.46, as against 0.00; Fresno, 3.59, as against 1.57; Los Angeles, 11.19, as against 2.06; Santa Monica, 11.81, as against 3.80 last season. A number of points report from ten to 14 inches of rain as having fallen already. At Hallett, Boca, Truckee, Summit, Cisco, Klamath Gap and Blue Canyon from one and a quarter to six inches of snow has fallen this year.

Dimmick's Prosecutors Rest.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 26.—The prosecution in the Dimmick case rested today with the evidence of Detective Hogan, whose testimony was similar to that given at the former trial. The letter from Dr. Fell of Clatskanie, Oregon, to whom Captain Lees, chief of the detectives, referred to in his testimony on Monday as the mysterious physician of Lemore, California, for whom Dimmick purchased the bill of drugs, portions of which was found in Dr. Hewers' cell, was admitted in evidence, and it was shown that the Oregon medico was totally unacquainted with the defendant, and had not been in California for six years. Counsel for the defense began the opening arguments this afternoon.

The Southern Pacific Paying Its Taxes.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 26.—Vice-President C. F. Crocker of the Southern Pacific company, in an interview today, said the company had already begun to pay the heavy taxes claimed by the state and the several counties through which the Southern Pacific road runs. The state's portion of between \$50,000 and \$50,000 will shortly be settled. The total amount of taxes to be paid, it is stated, will be over \$400,000.

Starving Laborers.

ALBANY, December 26.—About 300 Oregon and Pacific railroad laborers were thrown out of employment by the failure of the contractors, Jacobs & Newsum. The city council today provided the destitute ones with breakfast, and many of the men left for Corvallis, where a committee called upon Vice-President Nash, who told them that last week the Oregon & Pacific company paid the embarrassed firm \$15,000. The payment for December, amounting to \$40,000, or enough to pay the men, is yet due and will probably be paid to the laborers.

A Ticket Clerk Goes Wrong.

LOS ANGELES, December 26.—Rudolph Kinke, late assistant ticket agent of the California Central railroad, arrived this evening in custody of an officer, having been arrested at San Diego on the charge of embezzling funds from the company. When arrested he was on board a steamer which was about to sail for Ensenada. The amount embezzled is not made known.

Incendiaries Burn a Newspaper Office.

TACOMA, W. T., December 26.—The office of the Tacoma Ledger was burned at 5 o'clock this morning. The fire was incendiary, as no fire were in the building and no force was there, it being a holiday. The editorial room and all the library and files were destroyed. Loss, \$5000. The office will be rebuilt at once.

A TERRIBLE DOOM.

Almost a Hundred Persons Burn or Drown.

Heartrending Scenes and Incidents on Board the ill-Fated Hanna.

The Second Steamboat Burned Within a Week—An Editor's Generosity—Christmas in New York.

Another River Horror.

NEW ORLEANS, December 25.—The steamer John H. Hanna, from Onachita river, with a large number of passengers, was burned last night at Plaquemine, Louisiana. It is stated that of 100 persons aboard only fourteen are known to have been saved. The John A. Hanna was of 377 tons, and was owned by the Onachita River Consolidated line. She was valued at \$25,000 and is insured for \$12,000. Captain J. W. Blake, president of the company, says the boat left Monroe, Louisiana, on Sunday morning, with full loads of cotton and sugar. The number of passengers on the Hanna, Captain Blake thought was small. When the people were aroused they ran in all directions, the passages being filled with smoke. To add to the confusion the steam pipe burst and filled the engine-room with scalding steam, forcing the engineer to abandon his post. Captain Johns had the wheel swung around and the boat headed for shore. When the steamer struck the bank she bounded away again and swung around, drifting down the stream. Captain Johns sprang from the burning vessel and swam ashore. The sight was a weird one as viewed from the banks. The town was aroused. Floating cotton, charred timbers and other debris filled the river where the people struggled for their lives. Some of them were able to swim ashore, but most of them were so badly burned and thoroughly exhausted that they soon sank. Captain Holmes and Robert Smith, steering ashore as the ill-fated vessel struck the bank. Both were horribly burned and died soon after. In the meantime, the townspeople and physicians were caring for the unfortunate who succeeded in swimming ashore, and the hotels and private houses were thrown open to them and they were fed and clothed until morning. No one saw the clerk, Powell, who did the heroic work in rousing the passengers after he had awakened them, and it is quite positive that he perished in the flames. All of the crew of the Josie W. were saved. None of the survivors could say what was the origin of the fire, but a general impression is that some careless smoker threw a lighted cigarette among the cotton bales. John Grafton, a carpenter, was burned to death before the eyes of scores of people who were unable to render him assistance. The second baker of the boat said that Clark Powell jumped into the water and seized a floating bale, but two firebrands jumped upon the bale, turning it over, and Powell sank. The boat was but fifteen yards from the shore when a great many people plunged into the river. Several who reached the bank became stuck in the soft mud, and so intense was the heat from the boat that they burned to death before they could climb up the steep bank to the levees. Many were burned to death in the water at the oilment of the flames. Nothing was saved from the boat, and a short time after that was left was a mass of floating timber and burning cotton. There were of the crew seventeen men, besides Captain Holmes and two chambermaids, and among the lost were Captain Smith, two watchmen, first and second cooks, the cabin boy, the second baker, and a carpenter. Among the passengers were a number of the crew of the steamer Josie W. A special from Plaquemine says: "Among the lost are Captain James S. Holmes, and first clerk, Samuel B. Powell. Their bodies have been recovered. All those who escaped were burned more or less severely. The steamer was but a short distance above the town, when a negro near the boiler-room shouted that the boat was on fire. John Challen, steward, was at his place at the time, and seeing the flames bursting forth from the big tiers of cotton near the boiler, ran to the engine-room and gave the alarm. Engineer Moriman at once sounded an alarm by blowing the steam whistle and ringing the bell. In an instant the flames shot through the cabin and over the sides of the cotton, enveloping the entire boat in time, and when he saw the flames he heroically ran through the smoke which filled the cabin and tried to arouse the sleeping people. On the arrival of the train in this city, ambulances were at the depot, and all the survivors of the Hanna disaster who were suffering from their severe burns were taken to the hospital. Many of the ladies passengers on the boat, owing to the lack of food, were about to starve at the time of the fire were Captain J. C. Moriman, Mr. Harris of the board of managers, and A. Draver and son, all of whom were saved."

What the Express Company Lost.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 26.—A high official in the employ of Wells-Fargo's express company, stated today that the company's loss by the train robbery above Clipperton Gap, on Monday night, was only \$3000.

Nobody to Blame.

SEATTLE, December 26.—Today the coroner's jury on examining into the cause of the burning of the steamer schooner Lief Eriksson, exonerated the captain and crew from all blame.

Snailbox in Stockton.

STOCKTON, December 26.—Albert J. Kennedy, a native of New York, aged 25 years, died at the pesthouse this morning from snailbox.

THE STRAITS OF MAGELLAN.

A Wild and Picturesque Region seldom Seen by Travelers. An interesting place in point of scenic beauty, yet so comparatively unknown to the ordinary traveler, is the Straits of Magellan, lying at the southern end of Patagonia.

I met in one of the up-town hotels last evening a gentleman who had just returned from a trip through the straits, and who described some of the wonders of its scenery to a group of interested listeners. "Upon entering the straits from the Pacific side," he began, "a more barren and desolate place could not well be imagined. Gigantic rocks, bleak and bare, rise in towering heights, on either side and threaten to topple over into the water at any moment. Here, too, is the mouth of the Atacama, and thousands of the birds, with their tremendous expanse of wing, are ever hovering about in search of food, yet never seeming to rest. Other sea birds abound in millions. The air is black with them. "As you steam farther inland the straits narrow down, in some places being less than one-quarter of a mile in depth. 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FRESNO ORANGE LAND

Not enough attention has been paid to the orange land of Fresno county. It is a well-known fact that the first great interest that was awakened in the minds of eastern people with respect to the southern portion of this state was on account of its capability to produce oranges. The first oranges that were grown in southern California were from a few trees planted at Mission San Gabriel. About the year 1857, Wells & Wells planted a few acres in oranges, for doing which he was derided by his neighbors as crazy.

After a time, when it became a demonstrated fact that oranges of a superior quality could be grown in that section, other men went into the business, and as a result southern California has reaped a harvest of millions of dollars through the medium of increased immigration, influx of capital and the consequent greatly enhanced value of land. The question of the value of unimproved land suitable for orange culture having been raised, the San Bernardino Times has invited an expression of opinion from leading citizens of that county, and is publishing from time to time their opinions. In its issue of 19th inst., extracts from a number of these letters are given. These letters, coming as they do from various sources and from men thoroughly conversant with the subject, are of much importance to every person who takes an interest in such matters, and especially so the citizens of Fresno county who know the capabilities of this county for orange culture.

We regret that we have not space to give all the letters published in the Times. They would open the eyes of some of our people who own land in this county, better adapted in every way for the growing of oranges than any land in the southern part of the state, as to its value. We subjoin a few extracts from the letters in question, calling attention to the fact that the valuations are based upon unimproved land which but a few years ago was of little value.

Hon. H. M. Streeter, one of the presidential electors of this state, writes as follows:

"My opinion, based on experience and observation of what has been accomplished in this valley by painstaking, energetic, orange-growers, leads me to believe that for unimproved orange land, with good water right, from \$300 to \$500 per acre would be a reasonable price. Somewhat depends upon difference in soil, location, etc."

Another old citizen who has seen the orange industry developed from its infancy says:

"As an investment for income, an acre of bare land anywhere in the citrus belt of the upper San Bernardino valley is worth \$1000, if it is sunny; that is, needing no grading and has a good water right. My experience is that the minimum profit on such land seven years after planting is \$200 per acre. For the last eight years a small orchard of one and a half acres has done better than this on the old Canton home place. That land is now worth \$2500 an acre with the trees on it. It costs \$400 an acre to plant and care for an orange orchard seven years. At that time the trees will be in good income clear of all expenses. At nine years they will pay from \$250 to \$800 above taxes, water rates and all other expenses and all the work paid for. But to secure this a man must be a good business man and must give his trees the best of care and attention."

E. G. Judson, of the firm of Judson & Brown, of whom the Times says: "This firm has done more to develop this county than any other two men we can call to mind," gives this opinion of good, unimproved orange land:

"I believe such lands are worth at least \$1000 per acre, and my reasons for so thinking are, that when a price is paid for the land and the necessary outlay for trees, cultivation, interest, etc., has been made until the trees are in bearing, the income from the orchard will pay good interest on such sum."

Summing up all the evidence as adduced by the letters, the editor says: "Other correspondents are yet to hear from, and the cumulative evidence is of great interest to our readers. Thus far the range is from \$300 to \$1000 per acre, which is above the price asked for the highest class of property, and about three times as high as the average price of good orange land in this county."

It will be noticed that according to the editor of the Times, unimproved, good average orange land in San Bernardino county is worth about one-third of \$740, or say \$250 per acre.

Now comes the point we wish to make. It has been demonstrated beyond question that Fresno county has thousands of acres of land better adapted in every way for orange culture than the average fruit land in Southern California. On Kings river, Big Dry creek and the San Joaquin, oranges are grown to perfection, coming into full ripe maturity at least two weeks earlier than any grown in California. Trees brought from the southern part of California affected with scale and must free themselves completely in this climate in one season.

Covering a stretch of country many miles in width, and extending along the foothills of the Sierra Nevada for a distance of thirty miles, is the land we speak of as very superior orange land. This land can be purchased now at from \$10 to \$50 per acre. If this same land, with all its present advantages, was in southern California it would readily command from \$50 to \$500 per acre. Why should it remain in comparative idleness and nominal value, being located in Fresno county? The answer is this: Its value is not known to men of means. One of these days the "orange belt of Fresno county," as it will then be known, will be one of the richest in this country, if not in the state.

A SENSIBLE SUGGESTION.

The state board of equalization finds many stumbling blocks in the way of arriving at a fair valuation that should be fixed upon real estate for the purposes of taxation, not the least of which is the fictitious values set forth in deeds of conveyance. It has become the rule and not the exception to insert in deeds as the consideration for the sale of realty either too much or too little, and thus the

deeds are of no use as an indication of the value of the property named therein.

When a piece of property is sold, for instance, with the sale of \$5000 and the deed of conveyance sets forth that "for and in consideration of the sum of \$5000," etc., the same has been granted; or, when the deed expresses as the consideration a sum largely in excess of the known valuation of the property sold, not only the assessor, but possible future purchasers are kept in a state of confusion, kept in a knowledge they are equally entitled to possess.

The annual report of the board of equalization recommends that the true consideration of each deed of conveyance be expressed. An affidavit, setting forth that the sum named is the true purchase price, and a false consideration should render the deed void or voidable, will have to be made to entitle the deed to record.

It is exceedingly difficult if not impossible, under the present system, to get at a credible standard of values, and the practice of misrepresentations now in vogue often works great hardship upon innocent, credulous purchasers. It is not uncommon for the seller to call the attention of the prospective purchaser to the large price paid for property, as set forth in the deed of record, when as a matter of fact no such sum was paid therefor. To make a sale upon such false representations is little less than obtaining money under false pretenses, to do which is felony. The suggestion of the board of equalization is very sensible, and we hope the legislature will pass the required law to put a stop to these fraudulent practices of sharpers.

DON'T TURN US OUT.

The Democratic holding office under Grover Cleveland by virtue of the alliterative tongue of pious Brother Burdard, are just now being their voices like John the Baptist in the wilderness of Jesus and crying, "don't turn us out." When Old Hickory ran his long fingers through his great shock of hair and swore, "by the eternal, to the victors belongs the spoils," he formulated a selfish idea in the politics of the country that has been religiously lived up to by the Democracy ever since.

Not even the civil service law could withstand the reverence the hungry crowd had for "Jacksonian Democracy," and so, when Grover came into the chief ministerial chair, the "spoils" were handed over to the alleged "victors" with a willingness on the part of the president only equalled by the greedy recipients.

They looked back over the beaten pathway of politics in this land of the free, and they fondly believed they could safely lay on a reformation of history, and their calling and election were perfectly sure of at least a quarter of a century of federal fidelity. The "old-time party" rule laid down by Cleveland, which in its application and elasticity was as creditable trickery, but disgraced as coming from the president of the United States, was an evasion of and practically annulled the civil service law.

Under that rule any Republican who happened to occupy a desirable office was to all intents and purposes deprived of the liberty of speech and the freedom of the press if he valued his official head. To open his mouth against Cleveland's administration or write a word against the Democratic party rendered him at once "an offensive partisan," and off came his head.

But matters have changed of late. Since the election of the civil service law and the evil effects of removal from the office of well-trained, thoroughly competent public servants are matters of the greatest concern to the patriotic, unselfish Democracy. A Democratic exchange says that "the government service is now fairly administered. The postal system was never better. The Democratic now serving as postal clerks and carriers thoroughly understood their business. To remove them for new men would cripple the system and delay the mails. There should be no changes made among the clerks, carriers and other employees of the government, in the interest of the spirit of civil service reform."

"Don't turn us out," comes up the cry from every quarter. "To the victors belong the spoils," said the hero of New Orleans, and if General Harrison shall follow that long-extended and practiced Democratic policy, who can say that "time at last" does not "make all things even"? Moreover, there is a popular belief that in the rank of the Republican party an abundance of people, quite as competent as those now in office, can be found to administer the affairs of the country.

CHRISTMAS.

That time is an annual Sabbath day, with all its good and kindly influences and all the elements of faith and love. A Sabbath day without a creed, without one narrow, narrow-minded, caste prejudiced dogma to mar its sunlight and joyous cheer. Could all the believers in Him who was born to poverty and reared to toil and who brought the world with more than human insight into human hearts, and lived and died that "peace on earth, good will to men" might come on earth, pool upon the earth, forget on all days their favorite creeds, their narrow prejudices, their bigotry and love of self, as they do on Christmas day, it might be that the great, burning world might stop to look and wonder, would believe. It is not indelicately to doubt if all the abolitionists traveled by train to the effect that you must travel by train or be damned, have ever saved a human soul.

All men, the Christian, unbeliever, infidel, and men who seem not to believe or disbelieve, admit that Jesus of Nazareth was a good man, if he were a man, and strangely and profoundly influenced the most thinking and civilized nations of the world, and any man in this prosaic and peaceful land who does not feel warmed and cheered and kindly toward his race on this day that commemorates his birth, should migrate to arctic solitude, where, undisturbed, he could freeze himself to death with philosophic doubt.

The Republic wishes its enemies no ill, hopes all its friends enjoyed a merry Christmas, and wishes them many happy returns of the day.

New York City has 35 churches and 10,000 saloons. It polled 88,640 Democratic majority at the last election.

A MEMORABLE ERA.

With the inauguration of General Harrison the country will enter upon an era that is to be one of the most memorable in the history of the country. True, there is no prospect of any war, domestic or foreign, upon which the eyes of succeeding generations will rest as a distinctly outlined landmark in the progress of the country, but there are triangles of peace of far greater importance to the race than the victorious achievements of the transatlantic field.

The admission into the union of probably every territory except Alaska, Cuba and Hawaii is one of the probabilities of General Harrison's administration, and, while an event in itself of great importance, the bearing it will have upon the future politics of the country is of far greater significance. The admission of the territories into the union will so thoroughly reorganize the national politics that the Democratic beast of a perpetual solid south will sound like hollow mockery. Its implied threat will have vanished into thin air.

Already a well-defined movement to get away from this millstone of a united, solid southern sentiment for everything the Democrats may propose, and active opposition to every idea and principle advanced by the Republican party, has taken such shape as to lead the thinking mind to no other conclusion than that the south itself has grown tired of an endless and worse than useless effort to control the politics of the country.

It may reasonably be expected that before General Harrison vacates the presidential chair the bloody chain will have been completely filled up and covered with the flowers of intercommunal brotherhood unknown between north and south. A new political party, or an intelligent alliance with the Republican party, having the good of the south at heart, will drive out the old Bourbon fanaticism and the great resources of that section of the union will be developed as never before.

The fiscal affairs of the country, closely related to the question of import duties, will demand and will receive the earnest attention of congress and the president. The large sum of money in the national treasury, if not applied in the payment of the public debt, may be used in building adequate coast defenses and equipping a navy befitting our great country. All these things and many others will render memorable the administration of President Benjamin Harrison.

IN ITS INFANCY.

That the building of railroads in California is yet in its infancy is readily understood by every one posted on what has and is being done in the great midland, western, northern and eastern states. In all these states railroads are stretching out in every direction and bringing into close relation every community of any importance. California would look since have had many more lines of local roads had the Central and Southern Pacific corporations been less greedy and selfish.

The few men who got control of these two great transcontinental lines, at an early day, have been able to dominate the state and thwart nearly every attempt that has been made to construct even local lines, much less compelling roads across the continent.

But the indications now are that, while the power of Stanford & Co. is far from being less dictatorial than it should be, the fear of that corporation's power is not so potent in overruling capitalists and preventing the construction of local lines of railroad as it was a few years ago.

In the northern portion of the state active operations in railroad building, in strong lands in native connected with Stanford & Co., is assuming such proportions as to attract considerable attention. The fact that the Union Pacific will soon enter California at some point north of the Central Pacific line is no longer an uncertainty. Colonel J. M. Dunsmuir, of the San Francisco and North Pacific railroad, has lately secured individual control of the entire system of roads pointing northward from San Rafael, and will push them forward into the vast redwood forests of Mendocino and Humboldt counties with all possible dispatch.

The construction of the Stockton, Fresno & Southern road in central California, has already been commenced and will be completed within a few months. It is an open secret that the McAllister, Tupeka & Santa Fe road will probably before the close of the coming year enter into an open warfare with the Southern Pacific for the ascendancy in this portion of the state, as it did more than a year ago in southern California. With the opening up of central California to competition between the different overlaid lines the present languid demeanor of Southern Pacific people will give way to one of friendly solicitation. Our shippers will then be obliged to ship over that line and will be afforded facilities equal to those enjoyed elsewhere. The new era is closer at hand than many of our people believe.

A FAIR PROPOSITION.

The proposition submitted to the people of Fresno at the meeting Thursday night, by the promoters of the scheme to build the Stockton, Fresno & Southern railroad, is the fairest ever offered to our people by any of the many parties proposing connecting roads. Mr. Homer stated that all the preliminary steps have been consummated, the lands negotiated and the money secured to complete the road from Stockton through Fresno to Visalia.

He said that the company does not beg Fresno for one cent of money, but expects the hearty co-operation and support of the people, not for one day, a part of the people, but for all years, nor a portion of the road, but for the whole. He declared that the road would be completed by July, 1899, and that it would pass through this city whether anything in the way of a bonus was submitted or not. "We cannot afford to do otherwise than pass through your city," he remarked.

Notwithstanding this frank admission the speaker thought it nothing but a fair business proposition that the people should show their good will and future loyalty to an enterprise that will render them independent of the grasping, discriminating and overbearing Southern Pacific. He therefore asked the people to give the new railroad, first, the moral support of their friendship, and when the road shall have been completed, their

united patronage. As an earnest of their good-will he asked that an amount of money—no definite sum being fixed—be subscribed by the citizens, to be paid to the company on the completion and successful operation of the road as a compensating line.

The most positive assurances were given that the Stockton, Fresno & Southern road, speedily pushed to completion on the west and that it is "a connecting link" with a transcontinental line on the east. That it will never pass into the hands of Stanford and Company. "With all the money the Southern Pacific folks control," said Mr. Homer, "I think I voice the sentiment of our entire community when I say that they have not enough to buy the Stockton, Fresno & Southern railroad."

And now what is the duty of our citizens? Here is a proposition coming from business men who assure us that they mean to build into our city a connecting line of railroad, with or without our financial assistance. The selfish man may say, "Well, this being the case, I guess I'll keep my money in my pocket. The company is building the road on a purely business basis, and recognizing the fact that Fresno can give reciprocal advantages, it will hasten the completion of the road whether it receives any subsidy or not."

We sincerely hope that no citizen of Fresno will take such a narrow view of this matter. Let every citizen who can spare the money show a liberality and public spirit in keeping with the frank and fair proposals of the gentlemen representing the new railroad, by subscribing such a sum as can and will be paid to the company at the time agreed upon.

If any fears are entertained that, after the road shall have been completed and the money subscribed paid in, the Southern Pacific may at some period joggle it up, a provision may be inserted in the contract between the subscribers and the company to the effect that in that event all such subscriptions shall revert to the donors, their heirs or assigns.

Some provision of this character would give general satisfaction and would work no hardship to the company. We hope to see our enterprising citizens come forward with a liberality in keeping with their well-earned reputation, and show the promoters of the Stockton, Fresno & Southern road that they have not reckoned without their host.

UNDER ADVISEMENT.

The Southern Pacific company is growing quite patriotic. Its quickened sense of duty to the common welfare is strikingly illustrated in a recent statement made by Colonel U. F. Crocker, who said that the company was "inclined to pay the full amount of its assessment."

The company owes the state \$521,079.70 for the taxes of this year on its road-bed, rolling stock and right of way, and it is just now considering how much of this assessment, if any, it will elect to pay.

"And you cannot state positively that the company will pay this year's taxes?" was asked of Colonel Crocker.

"No," he replied, "the directors will definitely settle the matter this week."

Now, we submit that "this is as it should be," to use a newspaper phrase very popular some twenty years ago. It is truly gratifying to see the spirit of acquiescence in the tax laws which require the rich to contribute a certain percentage of their hard earnings towards maintaining the government that carried in all equity, be supported and carried on—except as to the officers—by the poor.

"The directors will settle the matter" as to whether or not the Southern Pacific will pay the taxes duly levied. The poor devil who owns a few acres of land, a town lot, a bunch of hogs, a herd of cattle, a flock of sheep, or any small amount of this world's goods whatever, has no option in the matter of taxes. He must pay or be sold out. But should he ever happen to be at the head of a great railroad corporation, he can politely inform the world that "the directors will settle the matter." Further comment is unnecessary.

We are informed that a certain lawyer has entered his name upon one or more of the bonds of the newly elected county officials, in a large sum of money. This may be all square in the eyes of the law, but we respectfully suggest that it is not in accordance with that spirit of untrammeled justice which should characterize the execution of the law at every stage.

A practicing lawyer who conducts or assists in conducting lawsuits in our courts is not a proper person to become a bondman for a county official. As an officer of the court he has no more moral right to lend his name and pledge his money for the faithful performance of official duties than the judge upon the bench. The board of supervisors should look into this matter.

Fresno county granite has already attracted the attention of contractors throughout the state who are called upon to furnish a handsome and durable quality of this stone for trimming expensive buildings. Fresno county sandstone will be the next feature in this line to come to the front. Every article used in the construction of buildings will some day be produced in this county—iron, stone, brick, lumber, lime and glass.

The annual rainfall in the United States varies in different sections from less than four inches to more than 100 inches. On the Atlantic side of the continent the rainfall decreases as you go from south to north, while on the coast it increases from south to north. In some sections of India the average annual rainfall is 450.2. There are few localities in the United States where over an inch of rain does not occasionally fall in a single day. In parts of this state it is not uncommon for fifty or sixty inches of rain to fall during the rainy season.

Two days more and then comes Christmas. Think of it, tenderfoot, as you look out upon the plains of the San Joaquin valley and behold the ground covered with grass and grain half a foot high! Compare these warm, moist days of December with your old eastern home, where the cold is so intense that it is almost unbearable.

Peas are among the earliest and best paying fruits that are grown in this valley. A good Barlett pear orchard will yield from \$100 to \$200 an acre each and every year with good care after it comes into bearing.

CALIFORNIA'S FAVORITE.

Much has been said and printed about President Harrison's cabinet, and while The Republic has taken an active part in this discussion, it has been a close observer of its drift and composition. We believe that General Harrison is fully alive to the welfare of the Pacific slope, and that he will carefully consider the wishes of 1,000,000 people in the far west when he selects the statesmen who are to compose his cabinet, and will give one of the department members a Pacific coast man. Many gentlemen of this state have been mentioned as worthy of the honor of a place in the councils of the nation, among them, M. M. Ester, M. H. De Young, Leland Stanford and John F. Swift.

Mr. Stanford, as governor of the state and as United States senator, has certainly had all the favors he can reasonably ask or expect at the hands of his fellow-citizens, and so long as the gigantic corporation, of which he is president, maintains its present hostile attitude toward all law looking to its payment of a just proportion of the expenses of state government, even to the extent of defying United States courts, Mr. Stanford certainly should not have the overwrought gall to even hint at favors from the head of the general government, for such General Harrison will be after the 4th day of next March.

M. H. De Young is known to our people as the most brilliant and successful newspaper man west of the Mississippi river. He has figured in no other public capacity worthy of mention. True, Mr. De Young has been very shrewd and successful in several business ventures outside of the newspaper world, but never has been called upon to play any part in the enactment or execution of the laws of our country or of our state. He is, perhaps, as well informed in regard to the general affairs of the country as any other man, lacking in that knowledge of business detail so essential to the successful and satisfactory administration of either the interior or postal departments—the only two to which a Californian man is likely to be appointed.

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SLED FOR LUNEL.

Among other pleasant things The Republic finds in its Christmas stocking a suit for him at its publishing house by one John D. Fiske, a person with whose character and conduct the people of this community have become somewhat familiar. We turn the greeting to John D. Fiske, and inform him that we are happy to know that he is not our friend. If there were any sufficient reasons why he should be, we should feel indeed that the evil days had come upon us. The Republic is proud of its friends, and it is proud of its enemies. It is proud to count as its friends the best men of all parties, creeds and conditions in this city and county. It is happy to have for its foes those who are the natural enemies of all newspapers which do not lend themselves to their corrupt schemes, but stand between them and their ambition to plunder the public. Any newspaper which does not have for its enemies such men, is necessarily their corrupt organ or subservient flunky.

Fiske's alleged cause for criminal libel is certain publications made by this paper. A strange feature of the case is, that most of these publications were made several months ago, and that no action was brought at the time of their publication; but a stranger feature of the case is that publications of a more damaging character in regard to the man's past career were published in the paper of this city prior to the publication in The Republic, in which Fiske was shown up as a villain of the first order, and his alleged escapades with his wives were given in detail. Not being fully informed in regard to the facts of these publications, and taking some stock in Fiske's statements that he intended to become a good citizen of Fresno, The Republic was refrained from printing any of these things, and printed for him a denial of the charges. In fact, nothing derogatory was printed about him in this paper until his conduct became such that we could no longer doubt that he was all that he was reported to be, and perhaps worse, and then we only printed the facts about his conduct here.

His many lawsuits and his numerous street rows with tenants of his building, as we would print any other matter for libelants as news. To the Examiner's unstinted denunciation, extending through months, he submitted like a cur, and has never in any manner sought redress against that paper. And it was not until one of the editors of this paper had brought an action against him for damages for causing a libel to be published in the Democrat, that he came to the conclusion that he had been libeled by The Republic, and now calls upon the law to vindicate him. So long as his character only was dragged into the case, and his family through the shame of his past record, and The Republic's only showed up his petty meanness and crooked business methods, to libel suit was ever threatened, but when, to punish his infamous libel, an attack was made upon that sacred shrine at which he worships as the Hindu worships his idol—his pocket—libel suits came thick and fast, and hired eloquence is evoked to vindicate that which he has never himself thought worth preserving.

If reports are true, this is not Fiske's first experience in the way of commencing newspaper libel suits, although we believe he has never brought any of them to trial. Just what he expects to accomplish in this instance is hard to tell. For one thing, he will probably succeed in putting the county to considerable expense, but that will be partially offset by the coin he will pay to lawyers who need it a good deal more than he does. This amount is not likely to be small, as Fiske and his leading lawyer have so long expressed their mutual hatred and distrust of each other, that it can hardly be an instance of labor for love on the part of the latter.

Success in the proposition of the annexation of Canada be carried into effect, the United States would gain 3,200,000 square miles of territory, with a population of 4,221,810. The total ordinary revenue for the year ending in June, 1890, was \$23,297,007. The debt of the dominion amounted in 1883 to \$136,000,000, but it is nearly twice that now. After all, if the American eagle didn't have to claw out too many dollars from that "dangerous surplus," to pay the British lion, it might not be a bad thing for him to "assimilate" the whole Canadian outfit.

If we are to judge from the official bonds now on file, of newly-elected county officials, W. D. Grady is rapidly amassing a fortune. His name appears on the bond of T. P. Nelson, county treasurer, as surety for the sum of \$20,000; upon the bond of A. C. Williams, county clerk, for the sum of \$2000, and upon the bond of T. A. Bell, county recorder, for \$4000. Mr. Grady is therefore responsible to the people of Fresno county in the sum of \$26,000 for the proper behavior of these three officials.

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A CHARGE
Made Against the Deputy Constables of This City.

Every once in awhile a batch of vagrants are brought before one of the justices of the peace in this city charged with refusing to pay fare or avoiding the payment of fare on the poor, needy Southern Pacific railway.

In other words the culprits were caught stealing a ride and arrested. It has occurred more than once in the past that it is a very poor policy to take a batch of vagrants and put them on the train and let them go.

John L. Hudson went to Berkeley last night to spend the holidays with his family.

J. M. Epstein returned yesterday from a brief business trip to San Francisco.

Miss E. H. H. returned to San Francisco yesterday.

John Charles, justice of the peace at Madra, was in this city yesterday on business.

Judge Charles H. Marks, judge of the superior court at Merced, spent yesterday in this city.

W. S. McMurtry went to San Jose yesterday. He will return on Wednesday evening.

Miss Maggie Harrell of Visalia arrived in this city this morning, and will spend the holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Fosse and family leave on this morning's train for a few weeks' visit with relatives in Sacramento.

Sarah E. Warron yesterday filed with the county clerk a suit against Marjorie Warron to quiet title to certain land.

W. S. White of Oakland, and formerly a resident of this county, returned to Fresno yesterday on a visit of a few days to friends.

Mrs. J. W. Short, who has been visiting with her parents at Calistoga for a number of months, returned to this city yesterday.

Nadie Pickle went to San Jose yesterday, and will be absent for the next three weeks, on a visit to her children who are residing there.

Thomas H. Lynch, book-keeper with the San Joaquin Lumber Company in this city, went to San Francisco yesterday on a short visit to friends.

S. W. Tines of Midland, Michigan, is visiting his friend, Mr. Kelley of Central valley, and is looking at the country with a view to locating.

Mrs. Ernest L. Woodruff and Mrs. C. R. Warron left on this morning's train for Woodland, where they will spend a week or two in visiting with their parents.

The large French plate glass for the new First National bank were conveyed to the bank building yesterday preparatory to being placed in the window frames.

Miss Clara Fulger of Visalia, who is attending college at Santa Rosa, arrived in this city yesterday, and will spend the holidays with the Misses Maggie and Maud Harrell.

Mrs. Ida Benck sends us the following roll of honor for her school for the month of December: May (Yenall), 24; Lela Shilton, 33; Rose Kenney, 37; Edna Tillet, 30.

Mrs. L. M. Willis, teacher of the Antioch Lodge, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Sallie Willis, arrived in this city yesterday and will visit with the former's son, Glenn T. Willis, for a week.

Harry Bailey, book-keeper with Mack Webster, the dry goods merchant at Hill-dreth, arrived in this city yesterday. Mr. Bailey contemplates moving to Fresno in a few weeks to settle permanently.

A BELOVED TEACHER
The Pupils of Room E, Public School, Remember Their Teacher.

The public schools closed on Friday, December 21st, for the Christmas holidays, and the pupils of several of the rooms remembered their teachers in a very handsome manner.

Especially was this the case in room E, where the pupils gave their teacher, Mrs. J. C. Hoxie, a very nice present.

This was room E, where Miss L. E. Davis, who died some time ago, was teaching.

When the school was finished, the pupils stepped forward, and in behalf of the room addressed the following words to the teacher, Mrs. J. C. Hoxie:

"Our beloved teacher, we will place accept these Christmas offerings as a token of our love and appreciation of your efforts in our behalf from your loving pupils."

The gifts consisted of four handsome Christmas cards, a hand-painted book, pen-wiper, hand-painted book, two embroidered silk handkerchiefs and a large and very elegant plush velvet rug.

Mrs. Hoxie was not only surprised but much affected, and for a moment was unable to respond to the presentation. Then in her usual kind way she thanked her pupils for their beautiful gift.

After making a happy New Year, the school was dismissed.

FRESNO'S EXHIBIT ON WHEELS.
What Other Counties Think of Our Last Exhibit.

It may be remembered that Placer county took the first premium at the state fair for its exhibit, and there is certainly no better county in the state for that than Placer.

The following from the Newcastle, Placer county, News shows how wise the people of this city were in working hard to secure a fine display for the traveling exhibit sent out by the state board of trade, and that it will be heard from again and again.

The News says: "The traveling exhibit, sent out by the state board of trade, passed Newcastle on Monday afternoon on the way east. The cars were specially fitted up for the purpose by the Southern Pacific company. The arrangement of the exhibit within the cars is very attractive, and will make a sensation wherever it is taken in the east. The exhibit of Fresno county is particularly attractive, and it was great mistake that Newcastle did not take the bit in her teeth and put in a distinct exhibit of her own, instead of waiting for the county to do so."

This splendid opportunity to advertise our section has practically been lost. The insignificant display made by Placer county is a disgrace to the state exhibit."

The principal business of the direction of the traveling exhibit is to show the selection and election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

President, J. B. Banta; first assistant, Richard Hildinger; second assistant, William Rogers; secretary, J. R. Shaw; treasurer, George Peterson; delegates, J. Banta, Richard Hildinger and J. R. Shaw.

Following the election came the admission of new members, and John Lins, E. Hopkins, Robert Greenham, J. Perz, Edwin Walling, James McDonald, W. B. Wilson, E. H. Williams and Oscar Wilson were elected.

This gives the company its full complement of men, and a third body of fifteen would be hard to find. They are all workers, and when they get their new truck will soon be on the road.

The truck, by the way, is expected to arrive this morning, and a committee composed of Dick Hildinger, J. Banta and J. R. Shaw was appointed to examine it and report to the company.

The meeting then adjourned.

WHO IS HE?
D. H. Howard of Fresno Stinted at Merced Yesterday.

The following dispatch was not received until midnight last night, and although every effort was made to ascertain something about the man Howard, they proved unavailing. No one could be found who knew any one by that name. It is thought, however, that he passed here under another name, but the authorities at Merced have made a mistake in the name. The dispatch reads as follows:

Merced, December 22.—An old man, named D. H. Howard, from Fresno, died from the effects of an overdose of Laudanum this afternoon at the Tuolumne hotel. The coroner held an inquest late this afternoon, the jury rendering a verdict of suicide. The deceased was 70 years old.

THE KNIGHTS OF HONOR.
The meeting held on Friday night last preliminary to the organization of a Knights of Honor lodge in Fresno, was notwithstanding the rain, a decided success.

A large number signed the petition for a charter, but it being deemed desirable by those having the matter in charge that the lodge should start with a large charter list, opportunity will be given those desiring to join to sign the application for a charter at any of the following places:

J. C. Hoxie, real estate office, J. Street; F. A. Callahan, Fresno transfer company's office, Madison street; Henry Hart, barber shop, Hughes street; Dr. F. M. Spanglow, south J street; Mr. Curry, the grand reporter of the order of this state, intends returning here within the next two or three weeks, at which time the lodge will be instituted.

A BIRTHDAY PARTY.
Master Herbert Levy celebrated his fourth birthday yesterday, and his parents gave him a reception. Their cozy home on the corner of L and J streets was surrounded from parlor to garret to about twenty-five of Master Herbert's playmates, and a happier crowd of youngsters could not be imagined.

They were allowed to have their own second will, the parents and grown-up friends only interfering when in their hilarity the little ones ran into danger. It was a pleasant afternoon for both old and young, and after partaking of a homely feast of good things, the little boys and girls, and their little friends, the children dispersed with many good wishes for their young host.

Fresno is no worse than any other town and no better as far as the morality of crimes that have grown so rapidly as here, but it is with regret we see the efforts of certain young men are putting forth to be "bloody."

In the true sense of the term, it is to get drunk, fight, and well-spect, produce and have to let respect for woman-kind, play poker with your own or anybody else's money you can get, talk slang, and in every way possible imitate the hoodlum. The difference between a "bloody" and a hoodlum is that the hoodlum is a hoodlum, and the "bloody" is by far the most despicable.

It seemed queer to hear the stamp rack at the postoffice yesterday. "We are out of postage stamps," but as the case is, the stamps are out of the postoffice, and the stamps are out of the postoffice, and the stamps are out of the postoffice.

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A Terrible Explosion—Earthquake—Tons Burned—Forefathers' Day—Stanley Safe.

The Blythe Estate.
SAN FRANCISCO, December 22.—The administrator of the estate of Thomas H. Blythe is having printed a large number of copies of the inventory and appraisal of the estate originally made November, 1911. This action is necessary in view of the fact that the bulky report was falling to pieces under the frequent use of the numerous claimants to the estate. As no published statements of the individual values of the estate have been made for some time, some of the items as shown by the record may be of interest. The total value of the estate, as reported at that date, was \$2,400,000. The Mexican assets of near \$400,000 have been lost owing to a want of jurisdiction in our courts to conserve the same. This, it is thought, will be more than made up for by the unimpaired property on Trinity river, where are the hydraulic mines covering many miles in area. The real estate in San Francisco is estimated at \$1,750,000. The Blue Jacket mine in the state of Nevada was put up at \$150,000, and the San Diego desert lands, improvements and stores were put up at \$154,000.

Carl Duranin on the Sackville Matter.
LOS ANGELES, December 22.—Carl Duranin, speaking in the house of lords on the Sackville incident last night, said it would have been more dignified on the part of England and more worthy of her position to have taken no notice of the matter, which, as the prime minister had early remarked, was no matter affecting the two nations. He protested against considering the United States as a foreign power, in the broad sense of the term, and said: "I hold it is our first duty to avoid the possibility of anything that may lead to a want of sincere friendship between the mother country and the colonies, and after that I consider it our second duty to avoid any such possibility between the United States and ourselves." He expressed the opinion that the delay to accredit a minister to Washington might lead to accredit the new minister to the court of St. James.

A Terrible Explosion.
BIRMINGHAM, Pa., December 22.—Three glacial ice masses in Buchanan hollow exploded this evening, wrecking a large number of houses in Tarpout, a mile away, shaking the foundations in Bradford, a distance of three miles. A large building in Tarpout, in which were nine persons, collapsed, seriously injuring three children; one, a little girl, cannot survive. The explosion was caused, it is thought, from excessive heat. It is not known whether anyone was killed. W. L. Ward's house, situated near the magazine, fell in and Mrs. Ward received probably fatal injuries. One side of Eugene Redding's house fell in and two of his children were hurt by falling timbers. It is rumored that at the magazines two men employed as "slotters" were killed.

A New Military Order.
WASHINGTON, December 22.—The bill to incorporate the military order of "America" introduced in the house last week by General Joseph Wheeler, names forty-five incorporators, five of whom were confederates. Every rank in the army from sergeant to major-general, is represented. The powers of the corporation are limited to the erection of a memorial building at Washington that shall be a suitable monument to the valor, patriotism and fidelity of the American soldier since the days of George Washington, and the establishment therein of a was museum and library. The object of all is to perpetuate the memories of their heroic deeds and to strengthen anew the bonds of the nation between the states.

Suit Hunting the Negro Rulers Down.
NEW ORLEANS, December 22.—A Meridian, Mississippi special says: "The report of the removal of the rioting at Wabash is untrue. It is believed, however, that at least three of the negroes have been killed up to date, and that many other negroes connected with the riot have been run in at some point in the mountains and are surrounded by searching parties. The keeper county people are particularly careful not to permit any news to 'get outside of the lines.'"

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